

COMMUNITY VOICES



“ I never thought that tree planting would yield such huge returns. Apart from land restoration, I am now convinced that agroforestry trees and fruit trees are a source of food and money. I am investing most of my efforts in expanding tree tomato farming.”
Bugenimana Damien, farmer in Kayonza District

LIVELIHOODS

This project benefited us highly, through savings from the small amount I received from nursery work I was able to buy 2 goats which later led me to a bull, I sold the bull at 400,000 RwF and bought a house.”

Ngenzi Vianey, Bugesera District

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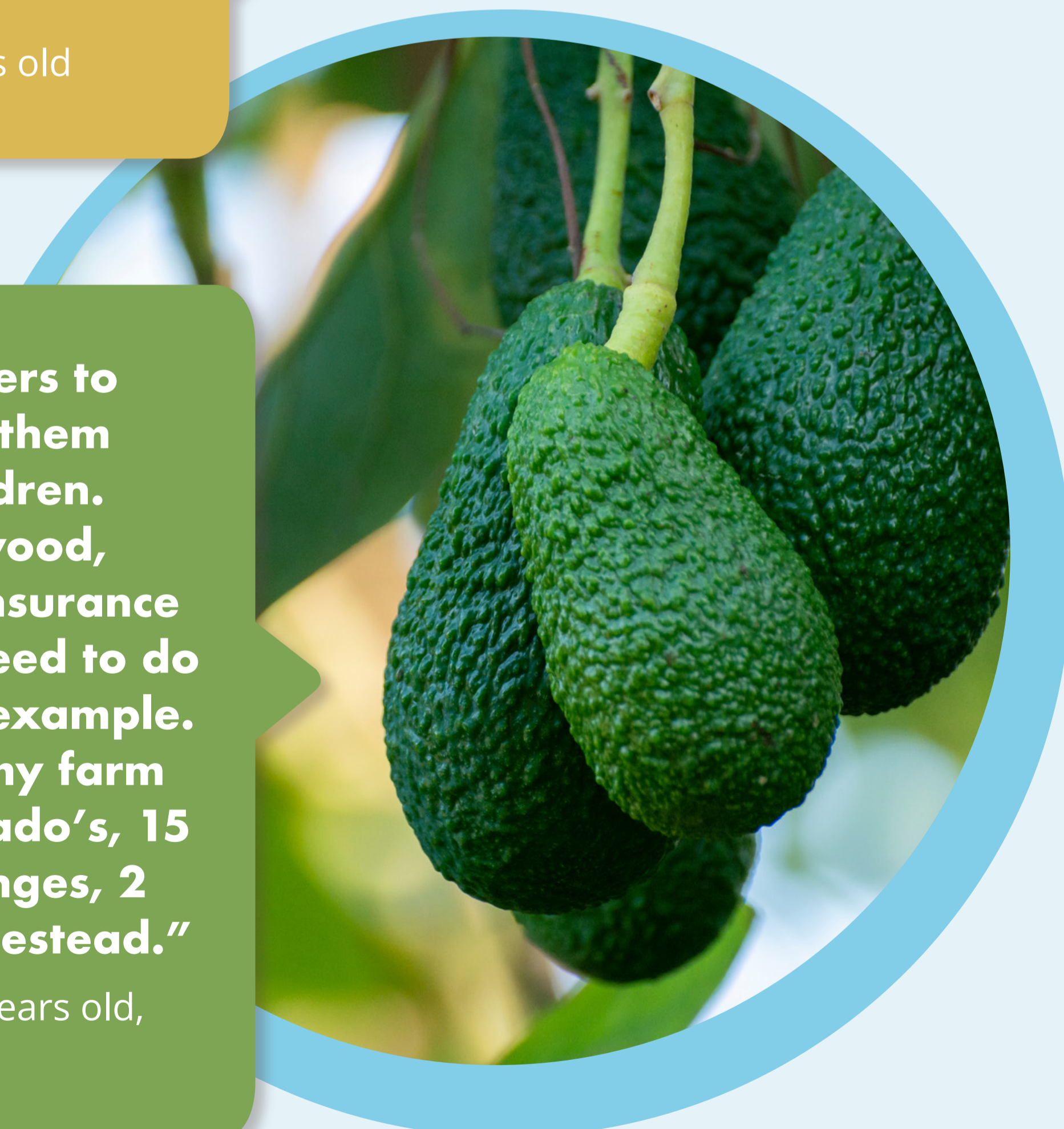
“ My future plan is to produce enough fruits so I can invest in fruit processing and juice making.”
Kanusu Pierre, Fruit tree farmer in Gatsibo



“ Three years ago, I received training from World Vision on tree nursery establishment and management. Thanks to the quality of tree seedlings provided, which included early maturing fruit trees, my life has gradually improved. Money that was hard to come by is no longer the case, as school fees for my children is always paid on time. I can even afford to pay labourers to cultivate my farm.”
Murekatete Patricia, farmer in Nyagatare District.

“ I planted the trees and the neighbors laughed at me, but in the summer the neighbors came and asked me for hay.”
Harelimana Theoneste

“ Many women used to think that nurseries were for men, but now their attitude has changed.”
- Louise



“ We encourage farmers to plant fruit trees for them to have healthy children. When they sell firewood, they afford health insurance on time.... All you need to do is to show them an example. I have 125 trees in my farm while I have 3 avocado's, 15 mandeleine, 28 oranges, 2 mangoes in my homestead.”
Mukashyaka Coletha, 60 years old, lead farmer in Kayonza

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CHANGING PERSPECTIVES AND TRAINING

“ We will not stop doing tree seedlings production because we have been given all the training and we received many benefits out of it.”
Aimble Ngendahayo, Nyagatare District

“ I think we have some knowledge on agroforestry and tree management. We would like to have exposure to more practical or field exchange visits to learn from early adopters in other areas.”
Bazimaziki Jackline, female lead farmer in Mimuri sector, Nyagatare District.

